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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
JEAN-LOUIS OUVRIER-BUFFET, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/FR03/02035)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: DEVICE FOR MAINTAINING AN :  
OBJECT UNDER VACUUM AND :  
METHODS FOR MAKING SAME, :  
USE IN NON-COOLED INFRARED :  
SENSORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.